THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Rifampicin is already in Category-II.

(b) Does not arise.

Increasing Incidence of Malaria

1336. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the incidence of Malaria has been increasing over the recent years;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what measures are proposed to check this disease?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) and (b) There has been an increase in the absolute number of cases of malaria during the past 3 years as under:—

Year	Number of Cases	Cases/1000 population per year
		(API)
1987	16·63 lakhs	2·21
1988	18·54 lakhs	2·42
1989	19·37 lakhs (Prov.)	2·48 (Prov.)

The reasons for the increase are inadequate spray coverage vector resistance to insecticides in some areas and lack of drainage facilities in migrated areas.

(c) The following specific steps are proposed to be continued to control spread of malaria:—

— Selective judicious residual insecticidal spray with appropriate insecticide.

— Fortnightly surveillance for detection and treatment of cases.

— Bio-environmental control methods through minor engineering modification in rural areas and anti-larval measures through chemicals and use of larvivorous fish and environmental management in urban areas.

— Intensification of special inputs in highly malarious areas with emphasis on personal protection ameasures, community involvement through health education, etc.

Import of Pethidine Hydrochloride

1337. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the parties which were granted import licences of Pethidine Hydrochloride during the last year and for what quantity;

(b) what is the C.I.F. value and how much customs duty is chargeable;

(c) whether there are problems of selling this drug manufactured indigenously; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) and (b) This De-

partment does not monitor import of individual drugs made by various companies/ parties.

(c) and (d) To the extent information is available the company producing this drug has been representing about problem in lifting of its material. This has been taken up with Drug Control (India) and Narcotic Commissioner of India that import of this drug be allowed subject to indigenous clearance.

Transfers of Officers in IDPL

1338. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 809 given in the Rajya Sabha on 19th March, 1990 and state:

(a) what are the names and designation of the officers; and others who have been transferred by IDPL during the last three years date-wise;

(b) how many have not joined duty at their new places and how many have represented against the transfers and what are the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that IDPL and HAL have kept several officers of his Ministry on their pay roll;

(d) whether it is a fact that his Ministry extended financial assistance to these companies; and

(e) if so, what is the assistnce extended during the last three years the purpose for which it was extended and how of it has been utilised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI BHAJMAN BEHERA): (a) The details are given in the Annexure. [*See* Appendix CLVI Annexure No. 67].

(b) 22 employees have not reported for duty at their new places of posting. 4 employees have represented against their transfer orders on personal grounds.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Details of plan and non-plan assistance given to IDPL and HAL during the last three years are as under:-

(Rs. in crores)

	IDPL	HAL
1987-88 . . .	8·30	7·00
1988-89 . . .	9·50	3·50
1989-90 . . .	8·00	4·30

HAL has utilised this assistance for capital expenditure. IDPL has utilised *this assistance for capital Investments,* augmenting working capital and to meet cash losses.

In addition HAL was given interest subsidy of Rs. 5.87 crores during 1987-88 and Rs. 5.15 crores each during 1988-89 and 1989-90.

Dangers in the use of Plastics

1339. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government attention has been drawn to the potential dangers and saftey of plastics specially use of second hand containers as brought out in the 'Hindustan Times' of the 17th March, 1990;

(b) whether it is also a fact that many of these chemicals are ozone depleting leading to blobal warming;

(c) whether these also pose serious fire hazards; and

(d) whether these were also involved in mustard oil poisoning which have crippled and killed many persons in the past and if so, what preventive measures are proposed?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Government has seen the Newspaper Report.